



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** May 24, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Interview And Appointment Of Youth Intern Applicant To Creeks Advisory Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Annie Marroquin for the position of Youth Intern on the Creeks Advisory Committee; and
- B. Appoint Annie Marroquin to the position of Youth Intern on the Creeks Advisory Committee.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On February 7, 1995, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 95-025 that established a Youth Intern Program for Charter Boards and Commissions. The Resolution was established to expand the opportunities for City youth residents to participate in the City's governmental and advisory role process.

On June 6, 2000, Council adopted Resolution 00-044 rescinding Resolution No. 95-025, extending the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits to learn first hand how public decisions are made, and how City departments function in providing public services while at the same time providing community service that may qualify for academic credit. Since 1995, a Youth Intern has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The application and appointment process requires that the applicant be interviewed by the Mayor prior to appearing before Council for appointment. Staff has received an application from and recommendation for Annie Marroquin, who is requesting to be appointed to the Creeks Advisory Committee. Ms. Marroquin has completed her interview with the Mayor.

## **Annie Marroquin**

Annie Marroquin is a junior at Dos Pueblos High School with an energetic personality and willing spirit. She has a deep commitment to youth leadership and community service. Ms. Marroquin received a very positive recommendation from her school advisor, who stated that she was "mature beyond her years, dedicated, independent, hardworking, and a natural leader." Among the other attributes written about her, her school advisor stated that Annie has a strong ability to lead her peers and has established herself at Dos Pueblos High School as a respected leader and a positive role model. Annie stated in her application that she has a strong passion for the environment and hopes to major in environmental studies. She stated that she feels that "youth interns are essential for bringing a youth perspective and voice to the teen community." As such, she feels she could encourage her peers in creek education and environmental responsibility. She serves as the President of the Pathway Club; secretary to the Environmental Club; a member of the Humanitarian Club; and a class officer. Her off-campus activities include being a youth intern for the Green Business Santa Barbara Program, and a member of the Coalition of Youth Advocates and the Santa Barbara Youth Council. As part of the Environmental Club, she helped organize the school's first Earth Day fair and participated in the city-wide Earth Day event. She currently holds a 4.2 grade point average.

Other Commissions and Boards, such as the Parks and Recreation Commission, have expressed their appreciation for the youth internship program and the perspectives that the intern provides. Staff is confident that Annie Marroquin's experience on the Youth Council and her commitment to the environment and youth in the community will be a nice addition to the Creeks Advisory Committee. The Creeks Advisory Committee has expressed an interest in a youth intern.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**    1. Intern Application  
                              2. Letter of Recommendation

**PREPARED BY:**        Susan C. Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services  
                              Supervisor

**SUBMITTED BY:**      Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:**        City Administrator's Office

# YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

Parks & Recreation Department  
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION  
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ATTACHMENT 1

Name: Anna Lisa Marroquin Grade: 11<sup>th</sup> Age: 16  
Residence: 257 Brandon Dr. City: Goleta Zip: 93117  
Email Address: anniemarroquin@yahoo.com High School: Dos Pueblos High  
Parent/Guardian: Luis Marroquin Phone Number: (805) 302-3262  
Emergency Contact: Mayra Marroquin Phone Number: (805) 302-0950  
High School: Dos Pueblos High Recommender: Silvinia Pereira

I. Advisory Body/Commission Applied for (list them in order of preference)

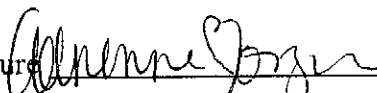
1. Crews Advisory Committee 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to provide the two-hour commitment per month? Yes ☒ No ☐

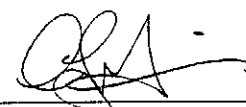
II. Are you active in any clubs on campus? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please list: Pathways Club,  
Sherettes, cross officers, Humanitarian Club, Environmental Club

III. Extracurricular activities (On & Off Campus) Coalition of Youth Advocates (COYA),  
SB Youth Council, youth intern at Green Business SB.

IV. Reasons you believe you should be appointed to this group (Please use separate page.)

Recommender's Signature:  Date: 3/21/11

I have read Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara and if appointed, will follow it in the conduct of my duties.

Applicant's Signature:  Date: 3/26/11

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

If appointed: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons I believe I should be appointed:

- I know that I am organized and responsible teen
- I have a strong passion for the environment
- I wish to major in environmental studies and political science
- I believe that youth interns are rather essential for bringing a youth perspective and voice to the teen community
- I want to be open to new opportunities
- I see myself as a leader and see this as a new challenge
- I am optimistic
- I believe this a great start for preparation for my future
- I enjoy attending meetings and being informed



# Dos Pueblos High School

National Blue Ribbon School | California Distinguished School

March 14, 2010

I am truly delighted to write a letter of recommendation for Annie Marroquin in support of becoming a youth intern with the Creeks Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara. I first met Annie when she attended our showcase for incoming new students with both her parents. She was eager to begin her high school career at Dos Pueblos High School. I new right away that she had the confidence to carve a very bright future for herself, while establishing a distinct path as a role model for under-represented students. I am certain my words will be inadequate in expressing to you the level of respect I hold for this young lady. In the meetings we have had thus far, I have been struck by her maturity and her dedication behind her extracurricular activities. You don't meet a student like Annie every day.

As co-advisor to the Pathways Club, I have witnessed firsthand her ability to lead her peers. She is a strong, dynamic leader in her current position as president of the club. Annie is also very interested in the environment and is now the secretary of the environmental club. She is hopeful to be voted in as president of the club her senior year. She hopes to major in environmental studies at a prestigious college or university. Annie is an organized, enthusiastic, strong leader who provides the stability and optimistic maturity her peers seek from a true leader. She has established herself at Dos Pueblos as a respected leader as well as positive role model. She is always willing to join in, help out and volunteer on a regular basis at our school.

I believe that Annie is mature beyond her years, dedicated, independent, hard working, and a natural leader. She is extremely friendly, honest, and is of good moral character. I believe these qualities are essential for a youth intern and her interest in the environment will only serve as a asset to your committee. I hope you give her serious consideration.

Respectfully,

  
Ms. Silvina Bereira